

24/15  
6/20/03

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Darko PERVAN ) Group Art Unit: 3637  
Application No.: 09/714,514 ) Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A  
Filed: November 17, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 5020  
For: LOCKING SYSTEM AND )  
FLOORING BOARD )

RECEIVED  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600  
03 MAY 29 PM 11:31

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RECEIVED**  
JUN 02 2003  
**GROUP 3600**

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated February 19, 2003, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

05/30/2003 SMORELAN 00000003 09714514

*Please add new claim 25-30 as follows.*

01 FC:1231  
02 FC:1806  
03 FC:1202

110.00 OP  
180.00 OP

25. (New) The locking system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cooperating  
upper abutment surfaces are at least partially displaced from the cooperating lower  
abutment surfaces in a displacing direction parallel to the principle plane of the floorboards.

26. (New) The locking system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion  
of the lower cooperating abutment surface is horizontally inward from the a vertical joint  
plane defined by a contacting portion of two juxtaposed upper portions of the floorboards, a